Seelye, F. B.

[Rushville, NY]

November 13, 1878

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Rushville Yates Co N.Y.
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Messrs S. H. & H. Chapman
2043 Town St Phila Pa.

Dr Sirs

Your favor of 2nd inst with Coms from sale of Oct 30 & 31 Nos 326-45c 339-45c 413 #1.30 Com & postage 41c = # 2.61
and Nos 716-35c 761-52c 900-1.00
Com & postage 41c = Sale 5th inst 2.28
both rec with thanks - Total # 4.89
I have withheld answering until now that I might cover both bills with one postal order - I had given up getting anything from Mickley Sale & wrote you that morning but was called away that not mailed - Enclosed find P.O. Order for # 4.89
I was sorry to lose some that I bid on because of not bidding higher which sold for my bid or less like No 779 -
Our country is now flooded so to speak with foreign silver - One business man in Canandaigua, 10 miles from here

has within two months bought in New York $2000.00 of foreign silver at 90¢ on the dollar & paid it out at 1 par value - I did not hear of it until it was nearly gone yet I found a good many desirable pieces in fine condition & among them some which are catalogued as "scarce" & "rare" - Of course this does not apply to "proofs" like those in the Mickley sale, but it does apply to very much of the silver offered at sales - I am disposed to believe that with a fair dealer to do business with one ought to buy coins at private sale for less or at at least as cheaply as at auction with Commissions added - From the Clemens collection (Cigar N.Y.) Oct 22 & 25 I got over thirty pieces or about 1/2 the pieces I bid on - Have you a fine to uncirculated Modern Gold dollar or 1/2 dollar also " " Copper coins? Have you silver 3¢ pieces 1868

1864-5-6-7-8-9 70-71-72 Dat what price? 1872-2c bronze-1878-1c Have you 1/2 dollar 1795-what condition and price - I want a Shilling of James I of England & one of the "Commonwealth" under Cromwell - What could you get me a 1798 U.S. Cent "good" allow to a 1799 for-nicely done - I do not desire it to sell but to keep - 1856 1/2 cent also - My son buys many coins to sell as I think you already know - I asked you in my first letter about coins of the Twelve Cæsars I mentioned that I had - Please reply - With best wishes

Yours truly

F. B. Seely

I also lack 1866 5c nickel & 1877-78
" " " 1876-70-83 3c nickel
There are many other things I want but have not time now - Give your best figure on what you have of above list

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Yours of 20th inst enclosing coins amounting to $27.65 rec'd. Antun J. Caesar .75. Caligula 7 50. 1856 ½ cent 1.25 Otho 6 50 Nero 1 50 $24.25 I Kept Titus 1 00 Set 10-5+2 Septa 75c 1-2-3 & 5c pieces 1 65 = 3.40 Enclosed find currency $3.40 $27.65

Please accept thanks for your kindness - I did not intend you should send the denarii now - I have two of Julius Caesar - One of the "L. BUCA." type illustrated in Humphrey page 296; fine, and one of the Julia gens extremely fine - You will see by referring to my letter I excluded Caesar - Your Nero is not good enough the other two I cannot afford to buy just now - I bought my Caesar of Mr. De Leon for

$3.00 + 2.50 = 5.50 for both — For Otho precisely like yours he asked $5.00 for Accotten 2.00 & for a Caligula and Augustus exactly like yours $2.00 only not in as fine condition — It was "good" —
I cannot find where a set of Septa have brought over 13¢ each but these are fine & will keep them — I do not want a proof 1/2 cent — one "fine" is good enough — Of silver pieces dollar size I have nearly everything I want except rarities — old crowns &c
I have known make out a list including some I lack & others that Wilkie thinks he can sell — In any case where you cannot get dollar size & can get 1/2 dollar size do so — I want good impressions only & in V. fine to uncirculated condition — I shall want something all the while from time to time will let you know — I am Very truly Yours
F. B. Seely

Europe —	Amateurs or?	Pieces
Modern Spain, Alfonso		2
" Portugal		2
" Sweden		2
English Crowns		2
Papal Scudos		2
Venetian "		2
Austrian Crowns - Francis Joseph		2
Greece - 5 drachma		2
Netherlands Wm III 2½ Gulden		2
Prussia Thaler Wm IV	@ 75°	1
" Coronation " Wm & Augusta	" 80	1
S. America -		
U. S. Colombia		2
Argentine Confederation		2
Central America - Sun & Mountains		1
New Granada		1

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Ruthville N. Y. Jan 27th 1880

Yours came to hand yesterday - Catalogue not yet rec'd - I would not like to keep the "Commonwealth" except to exchange for a better one - It is battered and clipped and scarcely seems very good - I would not rate it more than good —

Yours &c

POSTAL CARD

PENN YAN N.Y. JAN 27 ?7

U.S. POSTAGE ONE CENT

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February 28, 1880

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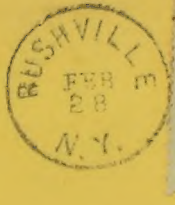

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